

What is claimed is:

1. An image selection method for instructing selection or non-selection regarding a plurality of images, the image selection method comprising the steps of:

5 displaying selection status information representing a selection or non-selection state of each of the images being attached thereto when the images are sequentially displayed in predetermined order;

10 displaying one of the images without changing the selection status information of an immediately preceding one of the images in the case where a display instruction thereof has been input within a predetermined time after display of the immediately preceding image, and

15 displaying the image while changing the selection status information of the immediately preceding image in the case where the display instruction thereof has not been input within the predetermined time.

20 2. An image selection method as defined in Claim 1, further comprising the step of changing how the selection status information is displayed before changing the selection status information.

3. An image selection method as defined in Claim 1, further comprising the step of outputting a sound notifying the fact that the selection status information has been changed.

25 4. An image selection method for instructing selection

or non-selection regarding a plurality of images, the image selection method comprising the steps of:

displaying selection status information representing a selection or non-selection state of each of the images being attached thereto when the images are sequentially displayed in predetermined order;

displaying one of the images while changing the selection status information of an immediately preceding one of the images in the case where a display instruction thereof has been input within a predetermined time after display of the immediately preceding image, and

displaying the image without changing the selection status information of the immediately preceding image in the case where the display instruction thereof has not been input within the predetermined time.

5. An image selection method as defined in Claim 4, further comprising the step of changing how the selection status information is displayed before changing the selection status information.

20 6. An image selection method as defined in Claim 4, further comprising the step of outputting a sound notifying the fact that the selection status information has been changed.

7. An image selection method for instructing selection or non-selection regarding a plurality of images, the image selection method comprising the steps of:

attaching selection status information to one of the images for representing a selection or non-selection state thereof in the case where an instruction for selecting or not selecting the image is input during display of the image in the course of sequential display of the images in predetermined order, and displaying an immediately following one of the images.

8. An image selection method as defined in Claim 7, further comprising the step of outputting a sound corresponding to the selection status information to be attached.

9. An image selection apparatus for instructing selection or non-selection regarding a plurality of images, first image selection apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting a display instruction regarding an image; and

selection means for displaying selection status information representing a selection or non-selection state of each of the images being attached thereto when the images are sequentially displayed in predetermined order,

displaying one of the images without changing the selection status information of an immediately preceding one of the images in the case where the display instruction thereof has been input within a predetermined time after display of the immediately preceding image, and

displaying the image while changing the selection status

information of the immediately preceding image in the case where the display instruction thereof has not been input within the predetermined time.

10. An image selection apparatus as defined in Claim 9,  
5 wherein the selection means is also means for changing how the selection status information is displayed before changing the selection status information.

11. An image selection apparatus as defined in Claim 9,  
wherein the selection means is also means for outputting a sound  
10 notifying the fact that the selection status information has been changed.

12. An image selection apparatus for instructing selection or non-selection regarding a plurality of images, the image selection apparatus comprising:

15 input means for inputting a display instruction regarding an image; and

selection means for displaying selection status information representing a selection or non-selection state of each of the images being attached thereto when the images are  
20 sequentially displayed in predetermined order;

for displaying one of the images while changing the selection status information of an immediately preceding one of the images in the case where the display instruction thereof has been input within a predetermined time after display of the  
25 immediately preceding image, and

for displaying the image without changing the selection status information of the immediately preceding image in the case where the display instruction thereof has not been input within the predetermined time.

5           13. An image selection apparatus as defined in Claim 12, wherein the selection means is also means for changing how the selection status information is displayed before changing the selection status information.

10           14. An image selection apparatus as defined in Claim 12, wherein the selection means is also means for outputting a sound notifying the fact that the selection status information has been changed.

15           15. An image selection apparatus for instructing selection or non-selection regarding a plurality of images, the image selection apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting an instruction regarding selection of an image; and

selection means for attaching selection status information to one of the images for representing a selection or non-selection state thereof in the case where an instruction for selecting or not selecting the image is input during display of the image in the course of sequential display of the images in predetermined order, and for displaying an immediately following one of the images.

25           16. An image selection apparatus as defined in Claim 15,

wherein the selection means is also means for outputting a sound corresponding to the selection status information to be attached.

17. A program for causing a computer to execute an image selection method for instructing selection or non-selection regarding a plurality of images, the program comprising the steps of:

displaying selection status information representing a selection or non-selection state of each of the images being attached thereto when the images are sequentially displayed in predetermined order;

displaying one of the images without changing the selection status information of an immediately preceding one of the images in the case where a display instruction thereof has been input within a predetermined time after display of the immediately preceding image, and

displaying the image while changing the selection status information of the immediately preceding image in the case where the display instruction thereof has not been input within the predetermined time.

18. A program as defined in Claim 17, further comprising the step of changing how the selection status information is displayed before changing the selection status information.

19. A program as defined in Claim 17, further comprising the step of outputting a sound notifying the fact that the

selection status information has been changed.

20. A program for causing a computer to execute an image selection method for instructing selection or non-selection regarding a plurality of images, the program comprising the  
5 steps of:

displaying selection status information representing a selection or non-selection state of each of the images being attached thereto when the images are sequentially displayed in predetermined order;

10 displaying one of the images while changing the selection status information of an immediately preceding one of the images in the case where a display instruction thereof has been input within a predetermined time after display of the immediately preceding image, and

15 displaying the image without changing the selection status information of the immediately preceding image in the case where the display instruction thereof has not been input within the predetermined time.

21. A program as defined in Claim 20, further comprising  
20 the step of changing how the selection status information is displayed before changing the selection status information.

22. A program as defined in Claim 20, further comprising the step of outputting a sound notifying the fact that the selection status information has been changed.

25 23. A program for causing a computer to execute an image

selection method for instructing selection or non-selection regarding a plurality of images, the program comprising the steps of:

attaching selection status information to one of the  
5 images for representing a selection or non-selection state thereof in the case where an instruction for selecting or not selecting the image is input during display of the image in the course of sequential display of the images in predetermined order, and displaying an immediately following one of the  
10 images.

24. A program as defined in Claim 23, further comprising the step of outputting a sound corresponding to the selection status information to be attached.